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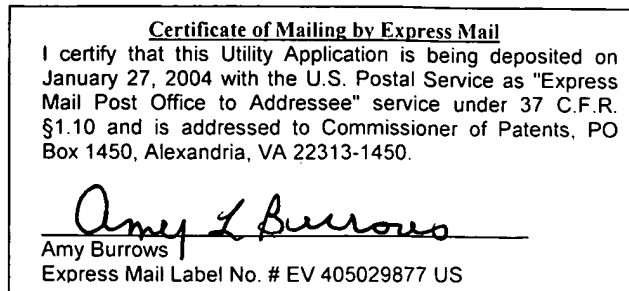
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Respectfully submitted,

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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

*EXAMINER INITIAL	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	1	5,517,354	05/14/1996	Mika	359	391	
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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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4	DE 10148781 C1	10/24/2002	Germany	21	24	✓	
5	JP 2000105341	04/11/2000	Japan	21	24	✓	

**OTHER DOCUMENTS** *(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)*


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